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## Letter from J. C. Clemson to Anna Clemson, 1864 January 14

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Johnson's Island

Block 11 Mess 1

Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Mother

I was much surprised to hear in the letter received this evening that you had not heard from me for so long a time, especially as those that attend to our correspondence are so particular in most cases. Have no anxiety about my for all the boxes & the bundle of clothes have arrived and I have all that I need so do not send any thing more, till I let you know for more than one reason: as there are many rumors afloat in regard to our being removed to Ft Delaware & many other places too numerous to mention. I wrote to Mr. Dunscomb a few days ago. You appear to worry yourself about my being cold. You must recollect that I am not the weakly pusy boy that left home three years ago but on the contrary a strapping big fellow 6 feet 4 inches high & weigh very nearly two hundred lbs. besides my life for the past few years has made me equal to many hardships, being exposed to the "violence of the storms" two thirds of my time while in service. My health never was better with the exception of a slight cold contracted by sleeping night before last with a very restless bedfellow who kept me uncovered and him self for the major part of the night. I am happy to say that I now sleep with a small quiet respectable man by the name of Wang and we rest at night as warm as toasts. My love to Mr. & Mrs. & the loving all friends. Your devoted son J. G. Johnson